

## REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement dated January 13, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-21. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

This application should now be in order for consideration on the merits of the claims in the elected group as applicant has fully and completely responded to the Office Action by making the required election.

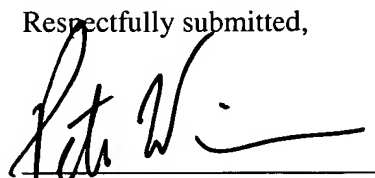
In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (118097-00102). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fees due are authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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